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1. The Georgian Hydroelectric Power Stations Construction Trust (Gruzinskoye GidroEnergeticheskoye Stroitel'stvo - GruzGidroStroy) was the successor of the Khram Hydroelectric Power Station Construction Trust (Khram Gidro-Elektrostantsiya 25X1A Stroitel'stvo - Khram GEESstroy) [REDACTED]. GruzGidroStroy was organized in 1951 as an All-Union agency responsible for the construction of every hydroelectric power station which was planned for urban or industrial purposes in the Georgian SSR. The offices of GruzGidroStroy were located at 60 Universitetskaya Street in Tbilisi. This agency was directly subordinate to the Chief Directorate for Hydroelectric Power Stations Construction (Glavnaya Upravleniya po Stroitel'stvu Gidro-Energeticheskikh Stantsiy - GlavGidroEnergoStroy), which was a part of the All-Union Ministry of Power Stations (Ministerstvo Elektrostantsiy) in Moscow.

[REDACTED] it was located in the building of the Ministry of Electric Power Stations at Kitayskiy Proyezd 7, in Moscow.

2. From its inception, GruzGidroStroy took over from KhramGEESstroy construction of SamgoriGEESstroy [REDACTED] in the middle of 1951 GruzGidroStroy began construction of GumatiGEESstroy on the Rion River, approximately 10 - 15 km from Kutaisi (N42-15, E42-40), as well as construction of the Sioni Reservoir (Sionskoye Vodokhranilishche), which was to supply water power to SamgoriGEESstroy hydroelectric power stations.

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a. The Gumati Hydroelectric Power Station (Gumati Gidroelektricheskaya Stantsiya Stroitel'stvo - GumatiGEESstroy) called for construction of a system of three hydroelectric power stations on the Rion River. [REDACTED] no reservoir was planned, but construction of several dams on the Rion River was contemplated. The project was supposed to be completed and power stations put into operation late in 1954 or early 1955.

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b. The Sioni Reservoir (Sionskoye Vodokhranilishche) was located in the vicinity of the village or mountain peak of Sion (Sioni), above the dam constructed on the Iora river. It was about 100 km. east-southeast of Tbilisi. The Sioni Reservoir had to provide sufficient quantities of water for operation of hydroelectric power stations located between the dam and the Tbilisi Sea. This was supposed to be a very large reservoir to be completed in 1953.

3. GruzGidroStroy was responsible for the planning and construction of hydroelectric power stations in Georgian SSR only insofar as it concerned construction of buildings, roads, dams, ducts, tunnels, water reservoirs, and electric power lines. Another organization, referred to as Georgian Hydroelectric Power Plants Machinery Assembly Agency (GruzGidroMontazh), was responsible for the installation of machinery, turbines, pipes, etc. This agency was independent of GruzGidroStroy, although its offices were also located at 60 Universitetskaya Street in Tbilisi. [] all machinery for GruzGidroMontazh was received through the Chief Directorate of the Electric Power Stations Ministry in Moscow.

4. The head of GruzGidroStroy was Engineer Vakhtan Lavrent'yevich CHANKOTADZE. His deputy for technical matters (Glavnnyy Inzhener) was Eng. (fmu) GINDIN. Deputy for administration was Vladimir URBANOV; deputy for workers' consumer goods supply was Konstantin Dimitriyevich GABUNIYA.

5. The organization of GruzGidroStroy was as follows:

- a. Planning Section (Planovyy Otdel): This section was in charge of the detailed financial planning for GruzGidroStroy construction projects.
- b. Technical Supply Section (Otdel Tekhnicheskogo Snabzheniya): head of this section was Eng. (fmu) MZAREULASHVILI. The section handled problems of procurement and distribution of all technical supplies, including machinery and motor vehicles for GruzGidroStroy and its construction administrations. Requests for technical supplies were normally sent to the Chief Directorate of Technical Supplies (GlavSnabElektro) in the Electric Power Stations Ministry, which in turn forwarded them as work-orders to various industrial enterprises. Except for trucks and special machinery, which were always scarce in the USSR, there was no shortage of technical supplies. The supply situation had considerably improved, as of 1950 and 1951, over what it was just after World War II.
- c. Workers' Personnel Section (Otdel Kadrov): head of this section was Vladimir URBANOV. The section was in charge of recruitment and of all regular personnel matters /except as described in paragraph 3d below/. Manpower requirements were referred to the All-Union Electric Power Stations Ministry in Moscow. Requests for personnel were entered into the production plan of the Ministry and then into the All-Union production plan, which had to be approved by the USSR Council of Ministers and contained all specifications on recruitment of manpower needed for construction. Skilled labor was normally supplied by the Ministry of Labor Reserves (Ministerstvo Trudovykh Rezervov), and unskilled workers by local kolkhozy according to directives issued by the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party (TsKVKP(b)) to the respective kolkhozy through the Georgian oblast and rayon committees of the Communist Party.

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- d. Executive Personnel Section (SpetsOtdel): this section was charged with the special personnel problems and recruitment of higher executive, administrative, and technical personnel for GruzGidroStroy and its various construction administrations. Under the jurisdiction of this section were all GruzGidroStroy section chiefs and their deputies and all section chiefs of the various construction administrations subordinate to the GruzGidroStroy.
- e. Accounting Office (Bukhgalteriya): head of this office was (fnu) TSAREV. The office acted as the GruzGidroStroy accounting service. All construction administrations had their own accounting offices serving their local needs.
- f. Finance Section (Finansovyy Otdel): this section was responsible for procurement of financial means for the operation of GruzGidroStroy and subordinate construction administrations. All transactions were handled by local branches of the State Bank.
- g. Transportation Section (Transportnyy Otdel): head of this section was (fnu) MAMULIYA; the section attended to GruzGidroStroy transportation problems, including the procurement when necessary of railroad rolling stock. The motor vehicle pool of GruzGidroStroy consisted of several hundred ZIS-150 trucks. After World War II, and until 1950, the GruzGidroStroy pool had mainly American lend-lease Studebaker and Dodge trucks. Eventually (because of fair wear and tear) they had to be replaced by Soviet vehicles.
- h. Consumer Goods Supply Section (Otdel Rabochego Snabzheniya - ORS): head of this section was Konstantin Dimitrievich GRABUNIYA. The section was charged with procurement and distribution of food and consumer goods to employees of GruzGidroStroy and construction administrations subordinate to it. However, regardless of the fact that this section was a part of GruzGidroStroy administration, all directives for its operation were received directly from the Chief Directorate of Consumer Goods Supplies in the Electric Power Station Ministry in Moscow (Glavnoye Upravleniye Rabochego Snabzheniya - GlavURS). In the past few years the activities of this section had been dwindling to nothing because of production and market stabilization in the USSR. However, during and immediately after World War II, when the supply of consumer goods was scarce, the importance of this section had been much greater. Prices in the market and in ORS stores were practically the same, and workers preferred to buy at the market rather than in ORS stores.
- i. Housing Construction and Utilities Section (Zhilishchno-Kommunal'nyy Stroitel'nyy Otdel - ZhKO). This section, under Eng. (fnu) MESKHI, was responsible for construction and maintenance of apartment houses for GruzGidroStroy employees and those employees of construction administrations who lived permanently in Tbilisi. Several engineer contractors worked for this section. GruzGidroStroy had several apartment houses in Tbilisi. [redacted] one of the houses (four-story with 80 apartments) was located on 58 Universitetskaya Street; another three-story house with 20-25 apartments was very close to the Georgian Tea Trust (Chay Gruziya) building. In addition to these, there were quite a number of apartment houses in the Suburbs suburb of Tbilisi.

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